

Dear Colleagues:

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have responded so far to our invitation for input to the Strategic Plan. Not only were your comments and suggestions thoughtful and insightful, but it also is clear you spent a lot of time putting them together. These comments are of enormous benefit to the process, so I really do appreciate the thought and effort that you put into them.

Let me tell you briefly what we are doing with your comments. I have personally read many of them, we are providing a synopsis to the FAA management team, and we are posting a brief summary on the Office of Policy and Planning website. (<http://apo.faa.gov/>).

In some cases where a comment is particularly thoughtful and/or needs special attention, we will assign it to the office or person who can best address the issue. We will remove names for the sake of anonymity, and in those situations where it is important to provide a name for follow-up we will seek your permission first.

Finally, even though in our request for comments we gave you a deadline of Feb. 14, we did this only to get the initial draft in process. But, we want you to keep the comments coming. I see strategic planning as an iterative process that involves updating the plan on a continuing basis as necessary.

As I mentioned earlier, it is critical that the strategic plan reflect the best thinking of the entire agency. So, I am delighted that so many of you have chosen to participate in the process. Thank you again.

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